


## What Causes Pollution?

 **Step:** Three - Explore more!

 **Time:** 30 min

 **Space and materials:**

- Large room or space;
- The question 'What causes water pollution?' written on a large sheet, PowerPoint slide or a white/black board;
- Voting tokens (could be small pebbles, nutshells, etc.);
- A4 sheets or cards providing possible answers to the question.

 **Description of the tool**

The general idea of the tool is to present the participants with the statements, provide them with three tokens and ask them to vote for the three most important ones out of the 8 or 10.

1. Ask the participants to stand in a circle and ask them 'What causes water pollution?'. Ask them to think about it for a few seconds individually.
2. Ask the participants to pair up and discuss the question with their peers, after which you can invite them for a group discussion.
3. Provide the participants with 8-10 statements and ask them to think about them so they can vote for them later on. Give three tokens to each participant and ask them to use their tokens and vote for 3 statements.
4. After the voting, count the tokens, record them and eventually generate a percentage (this can happen later). In the end, ask the participants to volunteer and explain their choices and encourage discussion.

 **\* Annex: List of statements**

- Industrial waste.
- We use excessive amounts of fossil fuels.
- Oil spills contaminate the water on a large scale.
- There is an excessive demand for fossil fuel.
- Many chemicals are used to enhance the growth of fish that pollute the water.
- Big industries and companies do not take the necessary measures to prevent pollution.
- People consume more than they actually need leading to intense production that directly or indirectly contaminates the water.
- There are so many interests in the commerce of fossil fuels.
- There is not enough information available for the public on the ways to reduce pollution.
- There is a lack of clean energy resources.